

2/2/2010 Yichun City Yuanzhou District Social Welfare

Institute Report

1. Basic Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Deng Weiping (邓卫平)
- b) **Institution Vice-Directors:** Hu Xianyu (胡先玉)
- c) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Wen Qian (陈茜) visits foster families once a month. She does not keep formal records of her monthly interviews, but keeps personal notes of any unusual situations.
- d) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for over 50 children, 10 of which Amity sponsors for foster care. The Institute sponsors about 20 more for foster care. Approximately 10 children reside at the Institute itself.
- e) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** children sponsored by Amity for foster care return to the Institute once a month for physical exams. All foster children go regularly to the nearest disease control center for vaccinations.

2. Overall Impression

- a) **Social Welfare Institute:** construction has finished for the new Yichun City Yuanzhou District Social Welfare Institute. The new building is presently being fitted out. We expect a final move into and initial use of the new Institute by March of this year.
- b) **Foster Care Children:** all of the children sponsored by Amity for foster care live with middle-class families inside Yichun city proper. All of the families love their foster children very much and give them the best care they can. The children in turn are all very attached to their foster family members.

Children participating in the Milk Formula Project live both in foster homes and at the Institute.

3. Interviews

- a) Interviewed 9 foster children and their families. Another foster child had recently been adopted, and we were unable to meet the child taking her place in foster care. The Institute provided the information and photograph for this 10th child. The individual reports and photos will be sent to the sponsor of each child.
- b) Met with 3 Amity Grandmas. (Grandma Zhou Jing retired in December 2009 and has been replaced by Grandma Yuan Hua.)



Grandma Zou Zhaolian (a “Hugging Granny” since 2004) works with the other two Grandmas to nurse, teach, and administer physical therapy to the disabled children at the Institute. In the picture below, Grandma Zou is holding a three-month-old child with a congenital heart defect. This child was crying when we visited, as it was naptime and she wanted to sleep. Grandma Zou says that this baby girl is very cute and endearing, always observing her surroundings and breaking into laughter at the slightest tickle.



Like the other two Grandmas, Grandma Peng Xiaolian nurses, teaches, and administers physical therapy to the disabled children at the Institute. She has been a Granny since 2002 and prior to that was on staff at the Institute. The three Grandmas rotate days off. It was naptime for the children when we visited. In the picture below, Grandma Peng is rocking to sleep a 2-year-old child with cerebral palsy. This little girl has a “poor constitution” and can only drink milk and rice pudding and is very prone to crying. She does not sleep soundly, and always cries before she falls asleep. The Grandmas are always holding and rocking her to soothe her.



Grandma Yuan Hua is replacing Grandma Zhou Jing, who left in December 2009. This is Grandma Yuan's first contact with orphanage children, and she was unfamiliar with the duties of a Grandma when she first started. However, she is a very loving and earnest person, and has adapted well to Grandma work after a month under the guidance of the other two Grandmas. Everyday, Grandma Yuan bottle feeds this little girl, a child with a cleft lip and palate. Grandma Yuan must bottle feed her very slowly and carefully so that she does not choke on the formula.

- c) Met 6 Milk Formula Project children. All Milk Formula Project children drink Feihe (飞鹤) milk formula, a domestic Chinese brand (see picture below).



Below is basic information about six of the children we are supplying formula to:

1. One year old girl with a cleft palate. She can now babble "mommy", walk for a short distance on her own, and likes to watch cartoons. She does not eat rice; her diet consists mainly of milk formula and rice pudding (5 meals a day, 300ml milk per meal). She also eats fruit. Her favorite foods are crackers and sweets. (Picture 2)
2. One year old girl with a congenital heart defect. She has a poor constitution

and is frequently sick. She is particularly vulnerable to the cold and must dress more warmly than other children in the winter. She has a good appetite and drinks mainly milk formula (300 ml per meal). Her diet is supplemented by rice pudding, eggs, fruit, and so on. (Picture 3)



(Picture 2)



(Picture 3)

3. Ten month old girl. She has been continuously drinking Feihe brand milk formula. She has been in good health for the past half year, only rarely falling sick. Her appetite is now quite good (6 meals of milk formula a day, 300 ml per meal). She can sit up on her own, walk a few steps if led by both hands, babble to herself, and make sounds which approximate “mommy”. She sleeps soundly; her bowel and bladder movements are normal. (Picture 4).

4. Girl almost 8 months old. She drinks 6 meals of milk formula a day (250ml per meal). Her motor ability development has so far not been ideal: she cannot reach out to grab things she wants or sit up even when leaning against something. She can babble to herself and will laugh if you play with her. She sleeps soundly; her bowel and bladder movements are normal. (Picture 5)



(Picture 4)



(Picture 5)

5. Eight month old girl with ichthyosis. She takes 6-7 meals of milk formula a day (200ml per meal). She reacts at an acceptable speed to outside stimuli, recognizes her name, and will babble to herself. She likes to play with colorful,

interesting toys. (Picture 6)

6. A healthy 8-month-old, very lively and cute. She can sit up on her own, reach out to grab things she wants, and babble to herself. She likes it when adults play with and tease her and giggles when she's happy. She has been on a steady diet of Feihe brand milk formula. She has an okay appetite, taking 6 meals of milk formula a day (200ml per meal). She sleeps soundly. (Picture 7)



(Picture 6)



(Picture 7)

d) Below are the food and clothes purchased for Amity-sponsored foster care children (pictures 8-14). Also shown is food purchased for children living at the Institute (picture 15).



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(14: wearing her new clothes)



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